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CMUNCE 2009 Midnight Crisis Policy

Due to the success of the first full midnight crisis during CMUNCE 2008, CMUNCE 2009 will be featuring the possibility of more full blown committee sessions at night! For your own safety and information, please review the following information as it pertains to participation in the midnight crisis committee.

A midnight crisis essentially is a committee session during non-traditional hours. The full dais and crisis staff will be present for that committee. Delegates are usually contacted either by phone or through door-to-door wake up calls and asked to present themselves to a room in either conference hotel reserved for CMUNCE use to solve an imminent problem.

This is a purely OPTIONAL committee session and delegates cannot be penalized for not participating for any reason. Only those delegates staying at a conference hotel will be permitted to participate for safety reasons. A chaperone service will be provided between the two conference hotels. If a delegate is not staying at a conference hotel, CMUNCE regrets that we cannot accommodate those students for the midnight crisis due to safety reasons for both the delegates and our staff. Those delegates will be notified of the emergency session and be allowed to participate to the best of ability via phone. For those delegates at the conference hotel but wishing to abstain from the midnight session, this is perfectly allowable as well. No penalties will be made in the consideration of your overall performance as a delegate.

Not all committees will have midnight crises, but those that do reserve the right to notify delegates of an emergency session of their committee outside of conference hours on any day of the conference. In an effort to best simulate real situations, delegates will not have advance notice of these emergency sessions. However, if such a session does occur, an equivalent committee time will be canceled to allow delegates adequate rest. Those delegates not present at the session will be notified of the scheduling change as early as possible so that they may adjust their plans accordingly.

(A chaperone service can be provided from the two conference hotels by request for those delegates arriving at the conference later due to the midnight crisis session)